

## *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS,** affordable housing provides opportunity and stability to individuals and families, brings diversity and vitality to communities, and provides a healthy start for children and youth; and
- WHEREAS,** non-profit housing developers have built tens of thousands of high quality affordable homes for tenants and homeowners, helping to alleviate the East Bay's shortage of low- and moderate-income housing; and
- WHEREAS,** this shortage of affordable housing continues to be a crisis in the face of current economic and public funding challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** too many residents in this very community live in overcrowded and substandard housing or are homeless, thousands are impacted by the foreclosure crisis, and thousands more pay over 30% of their income for housing and are at significant risk of losing their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** affordable housing allows seniors and families to stay in their communities and thrive, while people with special needs can live with dignity, support and compassion; and
- WHEREAS,** quality affordable housing allows workers to live near their jobs, shortening commutes and giving parents more time with their children; and
- WHEREAS,** affordable housing in transit-oriented developments reduces traffic and greenhouse gases, and today's "green" affordable housing provides health, environmental and financial benefits to Bay Area communities; and
- WHEREAS,** affordable housing creates quality jobs, services and investment, and will help our communities become sustainable and inclusive for generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the potential loss of redevelopment funds puts the future of affordable housing at significant risk; and
- WHEREAS,** East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) has organized Affordable Housing Week for 15 years and this year will feature 18 events acknowledging the need for and contributions of affordable housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim May 6 to May 15 as

### *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Week*

and that the City of Alameda encourages residents to learn how investing in affordable housing can create better futures for families, individuals, and communities in activities held to commemorate this observance.

Marie L. Gilmore  
Mayor

**City Council**  
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